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length to provide a visual indication of positive latching, said tongue including a longitudinal center axis and a longitudinal free end which constitutes an initial portion of said tongue to enter said socket; said portion of said outer circumferential surface on which said color band is disposed being spaced longitudinally from said free end and being spaced radially from said longitudinal axis by a distance which is larger than all other portions of said outer circumferential surface situated between said color band and said free end.

Insert new claim 18 as follows:

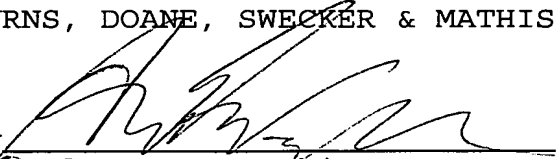
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-- 18. A combination according to Claim 13, wherein said tongue includes a longitudinal center axis and a longitudinal free end which constitutes an initial portion of said tongue to enter said socket; said portion of said outer circumferential surface on which said color band is disposed being spaced longitudinally from said free end and being spaced radially from said longitudinal axis by a distance which is at least as large as that of all other portions of said outer circumferential surface situated between said color band and said free end. --

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